

## ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowships

Further guidance for applicants to the Cambridge ESRC DTP

**Please ensure that you have read the scheme guidance and ESRC FAQ for core information.**

*This document provides answers to further questions raised by candidates during the first selection round at the Cambridge ESRC DTP.*

### 1. Eligibility

Please refer to the ESRC's [call specification](#) and [FAQ](#) documents.

### 2. Completing your PhD

Viva outcomes will either be:

- (i) Approved with no corrections
- (ii) Approved with small corrections (to be amended within a day or so)
- (iii) Approved with small but more substantive (minor) corrections (to be completed within three months)
- (iv) Referred for major revisions

Outcomes in categories (i) – (iii) will confer eligibility to apply for the Postdoc Fellowship Scheme. You should receive notification from your Degree Committee of the outcome in your case.

Although the outcome has to be formally confirmed by the Board of Graduate Studies, evidence of Degree Committee approval will suffice to meet the application deadline of 23 March 2020.

You will have to have completed any corrections, and received formal confirmation of your PhD, before the start date of the Fellowship, but the formal ceremony to confer your PhD does not have to happen before the start date of the Fellowship.

### 3. Selection process

The DTP Management Executive Group has responsibility for selecting the best candidates for the Fellowships. Candidates will be advised that they have been selected to proceed, and will then be responsible for completing a formal application to ESRC via the online JeS application system.

The formal application will go via the chosen home Department, who will manage the award and associated contractual matters.

### 4. Applying to other schemes

You can of course apply to other Fellowship schemes at the same time as applying to the ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme. However, if you are accepted to more than one scheme, you will need to select only one to go forward.

## 5. Start date

All Fellowships are expected to start on 1 October 2020. If your personal circumstances are likely to make this timescale difficult, please contact the ESRC DTP Office.

## 6. Mentors

*ESRC expects that "...ideally the applicant will have a single mentor based at the same research organisation as the fellow."* This can be in a different Department or Faculty within the University of Cambridge.

Mentorship is an eligible cost under this scheme and should be classified as either 'Directly Incurred – Other' or 'Directly Allocated – Other' depending on the mentors contractual situation. This cost is included within the £10,000 capped budget for non-pay costs, which may also include costs such as travel and subsistence, conference attendance, training, fieldwork etc.

## 7. Definitions

**Research Organisation:** University of Cambridge

**Institution:** University of Cambridge

**Pathway:** Subject areas within the Cambridge ESRC DTP (i.e. our participating Departments)

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